INJ - Injuries

INJ-CC CAST CARE

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the treatment plan and then importance of proper cast care.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Explain the reasons to care appropriately for the cast to improve healing.
- 2. Emphasize the importance of not placing foreign objects into the cast.
- 3. Explain the signs or symptoms that would prompt immediate follow-up, e.g., increased swelling, numbness, discoloration, increased pain.
- 4. Emphasize the importance of follow-up.

INJ-EQ EQUIPMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand and demonstrate (when appropriate) proper use and care of medical equipment.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss indications for and benefits of prescribed medical equipment to be used during the hospital stay or at home.
- 2. Discuss and/or demonstrate proper use and care of medical equipment; participate in return demonstration by patient/family.
- 3. Emphasize safe use of equipment.

INJ-EX EXERCISE

OUTCOME: The patient/family/caregiver will understand the role of increased physical activity in this patient's disease process and will make a plan to increase regular activity by an agreed-upon amount.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss medical clearance issues for physical activity.
- 2. Discuss the benefits of any exercise, such as improvement in well being, stress reduction, sleep, bowel regulation, and self image.
- 3. Assist the patient in developing a personal exercise plan. Explain that exercise should be consistent and of sufficient duration to obtain the desired outcome.
- 4. Encourage the patient to increase the intensity of the activity as the patient becomes more fit.

- 5. Discuss obstacles to a personal exercise plan and solutions to those obstacles.
- 6. Refer to community resources as appropriate.

INJ-FU FOLLOW-UP

OUTCOME: The patient and/or family will understand the importance of follow-up for injuries.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss the importance of follow-up care.
- 2. Discuss the procedure for obtaining follow-up appointments and that follow-up appointments should be kept.
- 3. Emphasize that full participation in the treatment plan is the responsibility of the patient/family.
- 4. Discuss signs/symptoms that should prompt immediate follow-up.
- 5. Discuss the availability of community resources and support services and refer as appropriate.

INJ-HM HOME MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the home management of injuries and make a plan for implementation.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss the home management plan and methods for implementation of the plan.
- 2. Explain the importance of following a home management plan, e.g., fewer falls, fewer emergency room visits, fewer hospitalizations, and fewer complications.

INJ-I INFORMATION

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the pathophysiology of the patient's specific injury and recognize symptoms indicating a worsening of the condition.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss the patient's specific injury, including anatomy and pathophysiology as appropriate.
- 2. Discuss the treatment plan and any indicated home management.
- 3. Discuss signs/symptoms of worsening of the condition and when to seek medical care.

INJ-L LITERATURE

OUTCOME: The patient/family will receive literature about the specific injury.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Provide the patient/family with literature about the patient's injury.
- 2. Discuss the content of the literature.

INJ-M MEDICATION

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the purpose, proper use, and expected outcomes of prescribed drug therapy.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Describe the name, strength, purpose, dosing directions, and storage of the medication.
- 2. Discuss the risks, benefits, and common or important side effects of the medication and follow up as appropriate.
- 3. Discuss any significant drug/drug, drug/food, and alcohol interactions, as appropriate.
- 4. Discuss the importance of keeping a list of all current prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbs, traditional remedies, and supplements. Encourage the patient to bring this list and pill bottles to appointments for medication reconciliation.

INJ-MNT MEDICAL NUTRITION THERAPY

OUTCOME: The patient and family will understand the specific nutritional intervention(s) needed for treatment or management of the injuries.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Explain that Medical Nutrition Therapy (MNT) is a systematic nutrition care process provided by a Registered Dietitian (RD) that consists of the following:
 - a. Assessment of the nutrition related condition.
 - b. Identification of the patient's nutritional problem.
 - c. Identification of a specific nutrition intervention therapy plan.
 - d. Evaluation of the patient's nutritional care outcomes.
 - e. Reassessment as needed.
- 2. Review the basic nutrition recommendations for the treatment plan.
- 3. Discuss the benefits of nutrition and exercise to health and well-being.
- 4. Assist the patient/family in developing an appropriate nutrition care plan.

5. Refer to other providers or community resources as needed.

INJ-P PREVENTION

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand mechanisms to prevent occurrence of similar injuries in the future.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Discuss safety measures which may be implemented to prevent the occurrence of a similar injury in the future.
- 2. Refer to HPDP-S.

INJ-PM PAIN MANAGEMENT

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the plan for pain management.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Explain that pain management is specific to the disease process of this particular diagnosis and patient and may be multifaceted. **Refer to PM.**
- 2. Explain that short term use of narcotics may be helpful in pain management as appropriate.
- 3. Explain that other medications may be helpful to control the symptoms of pain, nausea, and vomiting.
- 4. Explain that administration of fluids may be helpful with pain relief and resolution of symptoms.
- 5. Explain non-pharmacologic measures that may be helpful with pain control.

INJ-TE TESTS

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the test(s) to be performed, including indications and impact on further care.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Explain the test ordered and collection method.
- 2. Explain the necessity, benefits and risks of the test to be performed, as applicable, including possible complications that may result from not having the test performed.
- 3. Explain how the test relates to the course of treatment.
- 4. Explain any necessary preparation and instructions for the test.
- 5. Explain the meaning of the test results, as appropriate.

INJ-WC WOUND CARE

OUTCOME: The patient/family will understand the necessity and procedure for proper wound care. As appropriate they will demonstrate the necessary wound care techniques.

STANDARDS:

- 1. Explain the reasons to care appropriately for the wound, e.g., decreased infection rate, improved healing.
- 2. Explain the correct procedure for caring for this patient's wound.
- 3. Explain signs or symptoms that should prompt immediate follow-up; increasing redness, purulent discharge, fever, increased swelling/pain, etc.
- 4. Detail the supplies necessary for the care of this wound (if any) and how/where they might be obtained.
- 5. Emphasize the importance of follow-up.